

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Rev. Rick Sleyster

Music for Reflection: How Great Thou Art

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

Sara Spinella

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Scripture: Romans 12:3-8

Michele Wolford

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Music for Reflection: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9

Michael Spinella

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[d] these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Words of Remembrance

Catherine Spinella
Tom Wolford

Homily

Rev. Rick Sleyster

Prayers of God's People

Music for Reflection: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Benediction

Postlude Cheek to Cheek; Bad, Bad Leroy Brown

Following the memorial service everyone is welcome to join the family downstairs for refreshments and to share memories.

Musician: Carol Eno

Minister: Rev. Rick Sleyster

Place of Rest:
Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials:
First Presbyterian Church of Shenandoah
The National Alzheimer's Association



Robert (Bob) Carl Wolford passed away on Sunday, June 6, 2021, in Oak Park, Illinois at the age of 91. After several months of declining health and a short illness, Bob died with his children by his side.

Bob was born July 4, 1929 in Shenandoah, Iowa, the son of Carl and Mina May Wolford and younger brother of Dorothy Wolford Walter. His parents were active in civic and school affairs, and academic achievement was strongly encouraged. Bob was editor of his high school newspaper and graduated near the top of his class from Shenandoah High School. Bob had a happy childhood and treasured the freedom of his teenage years in Shenandoah. Summers found him working at the trial grounds for the May Seed Company and de-tassling corn.

Bob attended the University of Iowa, where he was an active member and officer of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He was proud to graduate with highest distinction in 1951 with a Bachelor's degree in Commerce. Bob met his future wife, Carol Shoquist, at a New Year's Eve party their senior year in college and they were married in January, 1952. Shortly after graduation, Bob was commissioned into the Air Force, and he served two years at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois. Bob and Carol returned to Shenandoah after his service, where he worked at the May Seed Company in the Accounting Department. In 1956, Bob and his family moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan where Bob earned a Master's Degree in Economics from the University of Michigan. Following graduation, he began a long and distinguished career in commercial banking in St. Louis, Missouri, first at the Mercantile Trust Company, later serving as Executive Vice President at County Bank in Clayton, and retiring in 1994 from Boatman's Bank. In 1980, he was named Businessman of the Year by the Clayton Chamber of Commerce. Following his retirement, Bob and Carol returned to Shenandoah in 1998, and spent 15 happy years living on Maple Avenue, before moving to Oak Park, Illinois in 2013 to be closer to their son, Tom.

Bob was devoted to his wife of 62 years, Carol, his daughter Cathy, son Tom, his grandchildren, extended family and friends. He will be remembered for his generous, kind, accepting and humble soul, his keen wit, his smile, his cheerful whistling, his interest in the world, his devotion to the University of Iowa and the Hawkeyes, his civic commitment, and his abiding faith. When an issue concerned him, he wrote letters - to the newspapers and to his elected officials. He had a keen interest in politics, and took his responsibility to be an informed citizen and voter very seriously. Sunday mornings found Bob in worship and he was an active and devoted member of First Congregational Church in Webster Groves, Missouri and the First Presbyterian Church in Shenandoah, Iowa. As he wrote to his grandchildren, Bob believed that he was blessed with good fortune and owed it to God and humankind to share his talents and treasures generously, especially with those less fortunate than he. Bob is survived by his daughter Catherine and son-in-law Michael; his son Tom and daughter-in-law Michele; his grandchildren Sara, Peter, Andrew, Michelle, Amanda and Scott; and numerous other nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

A Celebration and Honoring of the Life of

Robert C. Wolford
July 4, 1929 – June 6, 2021



September 17, 2021
One Thirty in the Afternoon

First Presbyterian Church
201 Clarinda Avenue
Shenandoah, Iowa 51601